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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING--SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. WHEN I SAY KING APRIL 11 HE ASKED ME ABOUT SITUATION
IN SOUTHERN LEBANON.

2. I DESCRIBED FOR HIM IN GENERAL TERMS EFFORTS WE
WERE MAKING WITH SYRIANS, LEBANESE AND ISRAELIS TO GET
SOME KING OF CEASE FIRE.

3. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD FROM CHAMOUN AND THAT DANNY
CHAMOUN WAS NOW WITH HIM IN JORDAN HAVING COME THROUGH
SYRIA. CHAMOUN WAS CONVINCED THAT SYRIANS HAD MURDERED
JUNBLATT AND THAT NOW HE WAS NUMBER 2 ON THEIR
HIT LIST. DANNY WAS AFRAID TO GO BACK TO LEBANON
THROUGH SYRIA. HUSSEIN SAID HE WOULD ADK HIS BROTHER,
HASSAN, TO TAKE THIS UP WITH ASAD WHEN HE
SEES THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

4. KING IS OF COURSE FULLY EXPOSED TO CHAMOUN POINT
OF VIEW. HE DID COMMENT THAT HE BELIEVES THE SYRIANS

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ARE UNDER ENORMOUS ECONOMIC PRESSURE FROM SAUDIS
AND OTHERS IN THE GULF WHO ARE PUSHING THE SYRIANS
HARD TO BE LESS ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD PALESTINIANS.

5. HE TOOK MY POINT THAT CHRISTIANS WERE COURTING
TROUBLE WITH THE SYRIANS WHEN THEY MAINTAINED SUCH
CLOSE AND OBVIOUS CONTACTS WITH THE ISRAELIS.

6. KING WISHED US GOOD LUCK IN OUR EFFORTS TO TRY
TO CALM THE SITUATION AND SAID HE WOULD BE
TALKING AGAIN TO DANNY CHAMOUN ABOUT THE NEED FOR THEM
TO KEEP THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. HE IS STILL
MUCH TAKEN WITH DANNY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
NEW YOUNGER ELEMENT IN LEBANON AND SEEMS TO BE TRULY
AFRAID THAT THE SYRIANS MIGHT WELL ACT VIOLENTLY
AGAINST DANNY SHOULD HE TRY TO RETURN TO LEBANON
THROUGH SYRIA.
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